

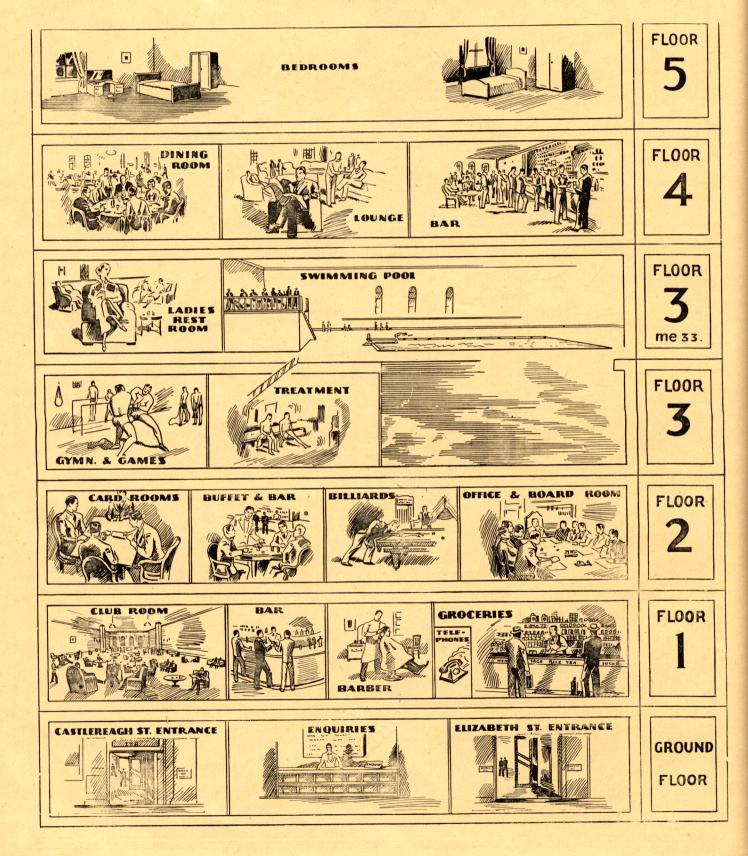
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Secretary : T. T. MANNING It is the privilege of this club to confer honorary membership on officers of the U.S. Forces; but in the scope of our welcome to all ranks we make no distinctions. The fact is that, while regarding them all as friends and allies, we cannot fit them all in.

A practical testimony to our affection for all American Servicemen is provided in the presence of the "American Center" on the club's premises.

Members of the club are making our guests feel at home while they are a long, long way from home. The Americans are not here on a picnic. Their way of life is hard and hazardous. While we may we extend the glad hand of fellowship, and with it go comfort and cheer in full measure.

Their acknowledgments have been sincere and generous, and we wish them to understand that the privilege and the pleasure are ours.

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The Club Man's Diary

The other day I heard all about the gremlins from a member of the R.A.A.F. who, scarcely 21, is flying Spitfires in the scraps across the Channel. He wrote:

"They are little pixie creatures who are rarely seen and in whom very few people outside the members of the Air Force believe. However, they do exist, sometimes in bad form, at other times in good form. The bad ones are always drinking your petrol when you are miles from the drome, or turning the grid ring on your compass round so that you will fly a reciprocal course, or pulling the map out of your hand and dropping it out of reach on the floor of the cockpit, or turning off your ignition switches before you start up.

"The good gremlins act in the opposite manner. The other day my cobber flew through the circuit of a drome at 1,000 feet while peering at his map. He heard a gentle flapping on his Perspex. Looking up, he saw a grinning imp pointing at an aircraft heading straight for him. Another few seconds and there would have been a collision.

"Only this morning a ground staff man was walking past a kite when he noticed a quaint figure about one foot tall dancing on the engine cowling. The airman approached curiously, anxious to have a heart-to-heart talk with a gremlin, but the little fellow suddenly jumped out of sight. What the airman did find was three nuts undone on the upper cowling.

"Strange creatures those gremlins, aren't they? The only difference between them and Father Christmas is that gremlins do exist."

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In radio entertainment all the best baritones are not confined to the male singers, nor are all the sweetest soprano voices the property of females. This possibly enchants some listeners. For my part the compensation lies in being able to hear John Charles Thomas, Paul Robeson, Richard Crooks and Kate Smith, among other ranking vocalists, after

the Andrews Sisters and the Kenny Baker tribe have "blitzed" and bleated.

Kate Smith has that perfect enunciation which distinguished Florence Young. Probably Gladys Moncrieff is the best singer of the musical comedy stage since Florrie. Sometimes I think it a pity that Gladys, endowed with her voice, was not favoured with the figure of Jeanette McDonald, and that Jeanette of the svelte form was not blessed with the voice of Gladys.

Quite average voices of the screen venture into the realm of Grand Opera. You get the same disastrous effect when a jazz band "takes to town" a classic or a plaintive melody. My opinion is that symphony or chestras and jazz bands should be subject to "demarcation awards."

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Stan. Thomas writes from Wagga his appreciation of the club and the club magazine, and includes a personal reminiscence of an occasion in England in 1924 when the highlights of entertainment were the Wembley Exhibition and the Olympic Games. Mr. Thomas was one of a party present at a dinner put on by the Mayor of Bradford, who told the following story:

"During the last war two old chaps used to meet daily to talk over events. Here's the conversation:

"John: Have you heard the latest?... Jim: No, what might it be?
... John: The Australians leaped the front-line trenches and rushed into Jerusalem... Jim: I'll bet the shepherds watched their flocks that night!"

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That yarn recalls another told in the club about two Diggers left behind in Greece and plotting ways and means of escape. Into view came a ragged shepherd driving about a dozen emaciated sheep. Here they saw a chance of escape for one of them simply by despatching the shepherd, taking his rags and carrying on with the job of driving the sheep.

As the shepherd settled down to rest in the shade of a tree the Diggers closed on him; but, before they could take him by the throat, the shepherd opened his eyes and said casually: "Go away you pair of _____. It took me a fortnight to muster this mob!"

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The story was based on fact. Many Aussies sought to make a getaway in the disguise of shepherds. Others took boats and adventured forth into the blue, not only from Greece. When a steamer with troops which had escaped from Singapore was a day out at sea, those aboard came across a frail sailing craft with a lone, grinning Digger at the helm.

After a long absence, Mr. J. R. Hardie called in at the Club during the month and was accorded a hearty

the month and was accorded a hearty welcome. He and his brother-in-law, Mr. G. G. Kiss, are our oldest members in terms of membership, having been elected on the same day, 28th May, 1884.

These fine old sportsmen have seen the third generation of members with whom they were contemporary in other years take their place in sport and add to the lustre of their forbears.

Niceties of judgment command little hearing in this screechy era. Many persons—including newspaper writers—seem to revel in the riot of out-squealing others. There are constant whoopings of "another Phar Lap," "another Bradman," "another Darcy." Little or nothing is done to check these banal blasts, because this is "a wonder age," when everybody (more or less) revealing promise is hailed and headlined as "a genius"; either that or "a star."

"What's horse sense?" one club member asked another, and received the reply: "Horse sense is common sense." The man who put the question answered: "Really, horse sense is that which prevents a horse from betting on persons."

As President of the N.S.W. Rugby Union, Mr. W. W. Hill "kept the faith" of his predecessors during a ten-year tenure—ten years in which it wasn't roses, roses all the way, but rather a time of problems calling for wise counsel, tact and the personality of leadership which are Billy Hill's natural gifts.

His retirement from the presidential chair recently evoked a great chorus of appreciation of the service he had rendered to sport in general and to the Rugby Union game in particular, as administrator and player.

At a complimentary dinner when his successor, Mr. Justice Herron, took the chair, representative sportsmen and many of the boys of the old brigade of the Union attended in force, and telegrams and cables bearing good wishes were read from the Rugby Union administrations of England, South Africa, New Zealand, and of the States in which the game is played.

Mr. Justice Herron told how Mr. Hill's association with the Union as a player started in his school days. He played as a three-quarter in the City and Suburban Competition in 1901, and as a forward with Newtown from 1902. He "repped" for N.S.W. in 1906.

In 1912, Mr. Hill was in the United States with a N.S.W. team. He represented N.S.W., New Zealand and California (U.S.A.) at a conference in England that year. He was elected president of the N.S.W. Rugby Union in 1933, and again represented this country at an English conference in 1936. At each of these meetings a ten-year programme was drawn up, but on each occasion it was cancelled through a World War.

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At the complimentary dinner reference to the loyal service of Mr. Hill was made by the Minister for Lands (Mr. Tully), who represented the Premier, the Lord Mayor (Ald. Bartley), Lieut-Col. Charlie Moses, representing the Victorian Rugby Union, Mr. J. J. Davoren, a life member of the N.S.W. Rugby Union, Mr. J. M. Taylor, president of the Olympic Council, and Ald. James

McMahon, one of the greatest international full-backs produced by Australia.

Mr. Hill said in the course of his reply that he had succeeded Mr. H. C. Holden as secretary of the N.S.W. Rugby Union in 1904, and since then had seen the Union pass through lean times. However, the stalwarts of the code had saved the financial situation. Among the contributions was £250 from the Public Schools Association.

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The following telegrams and cables were read by the Chairman of the gathering:—

Hearty greetings and gratitude to Hill occasion complimentary function tenth March. All appreciate his lifetime service Rugby Union game and long period president Australian Union. Regret hostilities curtailed visit to us.

—Cooper, Rugby Union, Twicken-

Join you in wishing your retiring president Bill Hill long life to enjoy the happiness he deserves and to observe the fruits of his labours.

-South African Rugby Board.

New Zealand Rugby Union joins in expressing its appreciation of the great services rendered by retiring president Hill. His great work for Australia and his advocacy as delegate at conference are epochal in Rugby history.

-New Zealand Rugby Union.

Please convey to Billy Hill my best wishes on his retirement. Our associations have always been most frank, friendly and cordial. His yeoman service to Rugby will endure.

—Dean, Chairman, N.Z. Rugby Union.

Am sure all Rugby executives and older players in New Zealand would if possible wish to be with you to show their appreciation of Bill Hill's services to Rugby. Kindest personal regards.

—Jim McLeon, Past President, N.Z.R.U.

The retirement of Bill Hill from official Rugby Union position will recall grateful memories by All Blacks for his unfailing kindness.

-Bill Glenn.

Please convey my respects and regards Billy Hill retirement president Union also appreciation from Queensland followers his friendship and assistance over many years. Convey also felicitations Judge Herron acceptance position. Kindest regards self.

—Mick Lyons, President, Queensland R.U.

Please convey best wishes and appreciation to W. W. Hill for excellent services rendered Rugby during term president. Regret unable attend function.

—A. F. Neilson, Secretary, South Australian Union.

Regret unable be represented tonight but president and committee Victorian Rugby Union ask you to convey our best wishes to your retiring president W. W. Hill and congratulations on completion of long and successful term of office. We also express appreciation of many courtesies extended by Mr. Hill to members of this Union when visiting Sydney. Regards and good wishes for enjoyable evening.

-Victorian Rugby Union.

Bill Glenn, mentioned in the foregoing, was a member of the Original All Blacks, and in later years has been known as a patron of the turf in N.S.W. Among the horses he owned was In The Shade.

At this time The Club Man recalls having written the first game in which Mr. Hill represented N.S.W. He has been through the years an ideal leader, "a certain friend in things uncertain"—a tribute which goes also for the very many of his old pals of the Press.

May Fortune pay you honour at her court,

Nor stint her measure;

May all your ships come safely into port,

Laden with treasure.

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The Club Man's Diary

(Continued from Page 3.)

The late Ike Foulsham trained Malua, whose deeds are a legend in the Australian turf—won Oakleigh Plate, Newmarket Handicap, Melbourne Cup and Grand National Hurdle Race.

Among others trained by Ike was Wild Rose, and this recalled to a club veteran a night in Melbourne when an inquiry was shouted for Barney Allen. He was loath to respond, but the man who told me the story prevailed on him to "see what it's all about." Barney, according to my friend, had "the worst book in the world" on the Newmarket. He answered the call and found a stable boy waiting. "Mr. Allen," the boy said quietly, "Wild Rose will win the Newmarket" Barney thought: "Might as well be hung for a sheep as a lamb." He backed Wild Rose to win him £50,000, and duly collected.

There is a curious passage about English pluck in "Firedrake: The Destroyer That Wouldn't Give In," by A. D. Divine. The British Fleet met the Italians south of Sardinia. Finding himself outnumbered both by ships and weight of tonnage, the British captain of the Firedrake remarked dubiously to Divine. "I don't suppose they'll stay." And so used were the men to the Italians turning tail and refusing to fight that they were morose about the prospects. But when they learned that the Italians

ians had two big battleships against the one battle cruiser of the British, more cruisers and more submarines "there was a change in the men. We were outnumbered. The enemy had every advantage of nearness to its bases, of numbers and of speed. 'Perhaps he will stay now,' said the men; "he b—— well ought to, anyway.'" But he didn't.—U.S. book review.

The British practice of rewarding the most prominent naval and military commanders after a victorious war by means of substantial parliamentary grants—which, no doubt, will be followed after the conclusion of the present campaign—dates

back for centuries.

Winston Churchill's ancestor, the first Duke of Marlborough, after his great victory over the French at Blenheim in 1704, was presented by Oueen Anne with the Royal manor of Woodstock, in Oxfordshire, and was granted by Parliament the sum of £500,000 towards the cost of building there a magnificent mansion. The mansion, which was given the name of Blenheim, has been ever since the family seat of the first duke's direct descendants, and is now occupied by the tenth duke. It stands in a park of 2,503 acres, which has a circuit of twelve miles. The first duke was also granted a pension of £5,000 a year during the life of Queen Anne.

The Duke of Wellington received a Parliamentary grant of £100,000 after the conclusion of the Peninsula campaign, and the pension of £2,000 a year previously granted to him was doubled. After the conclusion of peace on the Continent, when Napoleon was banished to Elba, the duke was given a further grant of £400,000, and after the battle of Waterloo he received a third grant, the amount being £200,000. He was also presented by the nation with the country estate of Strathfieldsaye, in Berkshire, which cost £263,000.

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Lord Nelson was granted a pension of £2,000 a year after the battle of the Nile. After his death, in the battle of Trafalgar, the Government suppressed the codicil to his will, added on the eve of the battle, in which he recommended Lady Hamilton and their daughter Horatia to the care of the country. The Government expressed its appreciation of Nelson's great services by making his brother, Reverend William Nelson, an Earl, granting him a perpetual pension of £5,000 a year and a sum of £90,000 to purchase an estate. In this way the name of the great Admiral, who left no male heir, has been perpetuated. This pension of £5,000 a year has been paid for the past 135 years, and is still being paid. But none of the holders of the earldom and recipients of the pension has ever had any connection with the navy.

The first earl died without issue, and the title and pension passed to his nephew, Thomas Bolton, who was

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a son of the great Admiral's sister. The present Earl Nelson is the fourth of the line, and is the grandson of Nelson's nephew, Thomas Bolton, but paternally his name is Bolton, and not Nelson. From time to time English newspapers have protested against the payment of this pension to successive Earls Nelson.

Burglars raided the larder in a suburban home and helped themselves to bread and butter, jam and cheese, but overlooked a bottle of brandy.

You should see mother, she's tearing her hair!

Burglars have been—there's a mess ev'rywhere.

But father, he's joyful and dandy...
Why is it so? Well, they softened the blow

By skipping the bottle of brandy!

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Some time ago reference was made in this magazine to old-time jockey Tommy Niereiker. The occasion was the celebration of his golden wedding. On the day that Tommy was married he rode a win-

ner. That was some time in 1891. The horse was Woodbine, and the owner was Mr. J. W. C. Hunter, whose livery was brown, blue sash and cap. Mr. Hunter was a prominent patron of the turf and owned many horses. Mr. Jack Hunter, a member of this club, is a son of the grand old sportsman of other years.

The story started with Bert Bellingham introducing Pilot Officer Barnes, D.F.M., and see-sawed from the Battle of Britain to the occasion at Ascot racecourse in Brisbane when Lord Louis Mountbatten, cousin of the King and chief of the Commandos, was unseated unceremoniously by Canning Queen, owned by the uncle of Pilot Officer Barnes of Canning Downs.

Mountbatten had come to Australia in 1920 with the Prince of Wales (now the Duke of Windsor) and was then associated with the navy. He not only liked horses, but liked to ride them. He was as good a horseman as the Prince, which is praising him up.

When Canning Queen, who won a big race in Brisbane, carried Mount-

batten in a friendly match with several of the Royal party, the mare dashed out at the barrier, and he was shot over her rump to the ground.

When Pilot Officer Barnes took tea at Buckingham Palace with the King, who entertained a number of airmen, Mountbatten was there and conversed generally with the visitors. All knew of his great exploits—twice had the destroyer he commanded been blown from under him and twice had he been saved from the sea by a miracle before he was chosen for the tough job of leading the Commandos. In view of those accomplishments Pilot Officer Barnes thought it better not to remind him of the Canning Queen episode.

Pilot Officer Barnes was in the Battle of Britain, in operations over Germany, and took part in the campaigns of Greece and Crete, as well as being attached to one of the famous Malta squadrons. He has a great story to tell, but contents himself with saying that he "has just been around."

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Looking Round the Yearlings

Buoyant Market Anticipated - Racing Hopes Run High

Yearling sales have an atmosphere and setting peculiarly their own, part and parcel of, yet divorced from the racing scene, and the fixture this year is invested with these and much more interesting aspects.

Claims are made by those more closely concerned with the economic side of racing that bloodstock values point the way to general financial standards.

Results of sales therefore in Victoria, New Zealand and England not only suggested satisfactory values at the Easter Sales in Sydney, but point to a healthy outlook for racing in general, despite its many setbacks by wartime necessities and political inhibitions.

The calendar and the war have forced a change of dates. For this year for the first time for many years yearlings will be sold in Sydney before Easter.

The A.J.C. meeting concludes this year on Easter Saturday, April 24, and Messrs. William Inglis and Son Pty. Ltd. will offer the yearlings on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 20 and 21, between the two days of the autumn fixture at Randwick.

Wartime conditions again have reduced the number of yearlings available, but 331 lots will be submitted, 168 on the opening day, leaving 163 for the second day, proceedings opening on each day at 10 a.m.

Mr. Reg. Inglis has some interesting young horses to submit to buyers with a pleasing variation of the stock of six new sires.

Le Grand Duc is the outstanding newcomer, a high-class performer in England, winner at Ascot and a son of that great sire Blenheim. Le Grand Duc probably is one of the best performed and pedigreed sires imported to Australia. Blenheim, himself a Derby winner, sired Mahmoud and

Donatello II., winners of the Epsom and Italian Derbys, and the wonder horse of U.S.A., Whirlaway. Whirlaway has earned £176,312 in stakes, a world's record.

Le Grand Duc's quota of 12 yearlings comprise six colts and six fillies, and from reports, the Kia Ora Stud at Scone has not sent in a better looking draft by one horse.

Golden Sovereign, another of the new sires represented for the first time, has not quite the glamour of Le Grand Duc, but won the Newmarket Stakes and other good races. He is by the Tracery horse, Monarch, and his family has the highest percentage of winners.

Coronation Day, whose first yearlings will be submitted, was bred in England, by Coronach, was raced with a little success when brought to Australia and was not overdone on the racecourse. He showed possession of speed and in himself was an attractive individual. He has passed on his chestnut colour to the majority of his stock.

Dark Lover, a son of that good performer in India, Dark Legend, was a fair performer in England. He has only a brown colt to represent him in the sale.

Gold Rod and Young Crusader are Australian bred sires with yearlings representing them for the first time. Gold Rod requires no introduction and it is interesting that four of the six colts and fillies by this chestnut horse are bays.

Young Crusader, Metropolitan and Summer Cup winner, was a dashing galloper who played spectacular parts in the forefront of his races. His first yearlings, both fillies, come from proved families.

Moorland, best two-year-old of the season to date, placed his sire, Felcrag, right on the racing map in his first season. Next month's catalogue contains a brother to Moorland, cer-

tain to excite keen competition. Bower Belle, the dam of Moorland, comes from a prolific family of winners and apparently nicks well with the imported horse. Most favourable reports have been received concerning the Felcrag youngsters for sale next month.

Almost beside each other in the catalogue are the brothers to Main Topic and Modulation, two of the best three-year-olds of the current season. Main Topic's brother is doubly interesting through his sire, Talking, as well as his racing relationship.

The Manitoba—Vocal colt, brother to Modulation, follows five lots later. He represents one of the most consistently successful sires in Australia and the exploits of Modulation this season will add to his value.

Clarion Call's smartness has rated him highly among this year's twoyear-olds, and draws attention to his sister, a brown filly by Simeon's Fort from High Ho.

Astrid, one of the fastest mares of recent years and now herself at the stud, has a brother of the same colour (chestnut) by Brueghel from Aulone. Youngsters by the Italian sire invariably have shown speed, and this colt should be good property. Ajixa, winner of this season's Gimcrack Stakes, is followed by a brother, bay in colour, also by Brueghel.

Lots 72 and 76 are bay colts, brother and three-quarter brother in blood, respectively, to Riverton. The Midstream—Society colt, who claims full relationship, is regarded highly by the early experts who have looked him over.

The Midstream—High Class colt has a dash of Magpie, his dam being by that horse from Society, who is the dam of Riverton. They are two interesting individuals.

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TATTERSALL'S CLUB, 157 ELIZABETH STREET, SYDNEY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Members will be held in the Club Room on Wednesday, 12th May, 1943, at 8 o'clock p.m.

BUSINESS :

- (a) To confirm Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Members held on the 13th May, 1942.
- (b) To adopt the Annual Report, Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and accompanying Statements for the year ended 28th February, 1943.
- (c) To elect a Chairman.

Mr. W. W. Hill retires in accordance with the Rules, and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

- (d) To elect a Treasurer.
 - Mr. S. E. Chatterton retires in accordance with the Rules, and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
- (e) To elect Four Members to serve on the Committee for Two Years.

 Messrs. A. G. Collins, J. Hickey, J. H. O'Dea and F. G. Underwood are the retiring Members of the Committee, all of whom are eligible for re-election and offer themselves accordingly.
- (f) To elect an Auditor or Auditors.

Messrs. Horley & Horley and Starkey & Starkey retire, and offer themselves for re-election.

(g) To transact any other business that may be brought before the Meeting in accordance with the Rules of the Club.

N.B.—Nominations for the office of Chairman, Treasurer, or Member of Committee, signed by two Members, and with the written consent of the Nominee endorsed thereon, must be handed to the Secretary twenty-one days at least previous to the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations for Auditors must be lodged not later than 12 noon, 3rd May, 1943.

T. T. MANNING,

Secretary.

29th March, 1943.

RETIRING OFFICE BEARERS



MR. F. G. UNDERWOOD, Committeeman.



MR. W. W. HILL, Chairman.



MR. JOHN H. O'DEA, Committeeman.



Mr. A. G. Collins.
Committeeman.



MR. S. E. CHATTERTON, Treasurer.



MR. JOHN HICKEY, Committeeman.

All the retiring Office Bearers are eligible and offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting of Members, to be held at 8 p.m. on 12th May, 1943.

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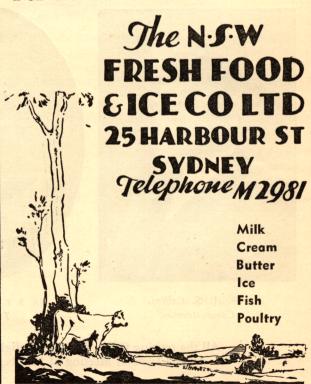
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Possibles and Probables for This Season

Lady Sybil, Nasrullah and Umiddad, who were rated the best twoyear-olds of last season in England in the Free Handicap, have been entered for the Derby, to be decided at Newmarket on May 18.

Lord Rosebery has taken the unusual course of nominating his filly Ribbon, rated fourth best of the two-year-olds, in all the five classics.

The 2,000 and 1,000 guineas will be decided on April 13 at Newmarket and the St. Leger on August 24 at Doncaster.

Mr. Martin Benson's filly, Lady Sybil, by Nearco from Sister Sarah, is not brightly performed on her dam's side, but research shows some worthy relationship.

Sister Sarah was not distinguished on the racecourse (writes John Loder in "The Field"); she won two small races in six attempts as a two-yearold in 1932. It is also true that Sister Sarah's dam, Sarita, achieved no distinction on the racecourse. But Sarita's dam was Molly Desmond, so that Sarita is a half-sister to that distinguished mare. Molly Adare, among whose produce have been Fearless Fox (winner of the Gold Vase at Ascot and of the Goodwood Cup in 1937) and Challenge, second to Scottish Union in the 1938 St. Molly Desmond also bred Leger. Spike Island and Zodiac, the Irish Derby winners of 1922 and 1924 respectively. And if you go back further you find that Molly Desmond's dam was none other than the peerless Pretty Polly.

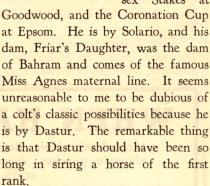
It is clear, then, that Lady Sybil descends in tail female from one of the most distinguished maternal families in the General Stud Book. Indeed, I should rate this family (the descendants of Pretty Polly's dam, Admiration) as third in importance after the Miss Agnes family and the Paraffin family.

Nasrullah is the fourth foal of his dam Mumtaz Begum and the first of her produce to achieve any distinction, although here again we find a record of consistent excellence on the dam's side of the pedigree. Mumtaz Begum is a daughter of the brilliant filly, Mumtaz Mahal.

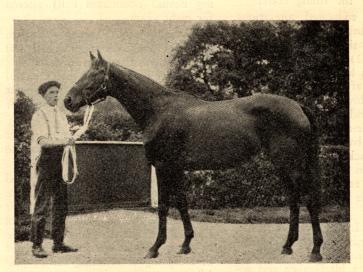
Of Mumtaz Mahal's own produce, Mirza II. and Badruddin were, perrullah's stable companion, Umiddad. This colt is the only one of the leading two-year-olds of last season who is still unbeaten. He won the Dewhurst Stakes over seven furlongs in September, and in July he had won a maiden race over six furlongs.

Umiddad is by Dastur, and some people are dubious of Umiddad's classic chances on that score. Dastur

been stud since 1934 and it is true that he has not before sired anything outstanding. But his own racing career was distinguished; he was second in the Guineas. Derby and St. Leger in 1932. and won the Irish Derby. the King Edward VII. Stakes at Ascot, the Sussex Stakes at



The dam's side of Umiddad's pedigree I like tremendously. His dam is Udaipur, the Oaks winner of 1932. Udaipur's dam, Uganda, won the French Oaks in 1924 and besides Udaipur she bred Ukrania, the French Oaks winner of 1929, Ut (Continued on Page 13.)



STRAITLACE (b.m. by Son-in-Law—Stolen Kiss) was sold for 17,000 guineas to Mr. Esmond, at the record dispersal sale of the late Sir Edward Hulton's stud in 1925. She won the Oaks in 1924. The picture shows her as a matron at stud.

haps, the best on the racecourse. And through her daughter, Mah Mahal, she was grand-dam of the Derby winner Mahmoud and of Pherozshah and Khan Bahadur. Mumtaz Mahal was herself a daughter of the 1914 Coventry Stakes winner, Lady Josephine, and so a half-sister to Lady Juror, who has been distinguished as the dam of The Black Abbott, The Recorder, Fair Trial, Riot, Sansonnet and Jurisdiction, not one of whom won less than £1,500 in stakes. And Riot has herself produced a classic winner, the 1941 Oaks winner, Commotion.

Third place among the two-yearolds of 1942 Mr. Fawcett (Jockey Club handicapper) assigned to Nas-

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER

Suggested Alteration to Rules Receives World-Wide Interest — Professionals Voice Opinions on Change — Gear Situation Becoming Serious Problem.

In last issue a detailed list of suggested amendments to snooker rules was published.

The alterations were propounded by our own member, W. Longworth and forwarded to the Billiards and Control Council.

The scheme has been given wide publicity in England, and leading players of the day have pressed for their views by the ruling body.

Briefly the suggested alterations were: (1) Any red balls potted through a foul shot shall be replaced on the table. (2) With only the pink and black balls left on the table, the striker should, after a foul by his opponent, be allowed to snooker his opponent behind the pink if he so desires, (3) Revarrange the spotting of the colour balls, placing the yellow on the black spot, green on the pink, brown on the blue and so on. (4) When all reds have been potted the colour balls to have equal value at four apiece.

Melbourne Inman, twelve times world's billiards champion, when asked his opinion said, in effect: "Why not go a bit further and reduce the number of reds in the triangle by five."

Since then, however, Inman has written the B.A. & C.C. a full criticism, which will be made available later.

Claude Falkiner, another champion and well known to many of our members, considered the rules as they stand are well established and understood and met requirements. But, he was emphatic the rule forbidding snookeering behind the nominated ball should not obtain when only the pink and black remain.

Arthur Goundrill, famed for his brilliant exhibitions, more or less agreed with Falkiner and claims he has tried to have Rule 11 (snookering behind nominated ball) altered for eight years.

Several well known English amateurs were also approached and a pot pourri of opinion suggests:—

Snooker is so popular that it would be fatal to alter the rules to a point where the game would lose much of its present character.

Making all the colours equal, after all reds have been potted, appears to be all against the back-markers.

The snooker behind the nominated ball rule requires definite alteration. That is how the position stands at the moment and no doubt the Control Council will sift the matter thoroughly ere getting down to the business of accepting or rejecting the propositions.

It is gratifying, however, to find a proposed scheme of things emanating from our own club billiard room that is causing world-wide interest.

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As might be gathered, the room was situate in a cold area where the fire is lit some time in April and kept going till September.

It is not expected our members will push their cues into the radiator, but extreme care with regard to accessories is most important.

One great mistake made by all but very experienced players is that when spotting the balls a careless habit is developed of "punching" the ball into position instead of placing it gently on the cloth. Every time a ball is banged down on the table it makes a hole which, in time, becomes a definite menace. Cloth, at the moment, is definitely unobtainable, and a holey cloth is practically unplayable.

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Blood Tells in English Classics

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Majeur, Cesarewitch winner in 1930, and Umidwar, winner of the Jockey Club Stakes in 1934. It would appear, therefore, that there need be no doubts of Umiddad's ability to stay.

Lord Rosebery's filly, Ribbon, who is rated fourth of the 1942 two year-olds, is by Fairway out of Bongrace. On the dam's side, therefore, Ribbon is bred from the famous Paraffin branch of the Bruce Lowe No. 1 family. There are three main branches of the Paraffin family, through Footlight by Cremorne, through Almondell by Scottish Chief, and, most important of the three, a branch through Illuminata by Rosicrucian; from Illuminata is descended Ribbon.

From Illuminata the late Lord Rosebery bred the 1894 Derby winner, Ladas, and from her daughters he bred Neil Gow, winner of the Two Thousand, 1911, and Cicero, Derby winner, 1905. Of these, Cicero is the one to whom Ribbon is most nearly related. Bongrace's dam, Vaucluse, won the One Thousand in 1915, and her dam, Valve, was a half-sister to Cicero.

The number of brilliant horses that have come from other branches of the Paraffin family are too numerous to mention. Suffice it to say that among them are all those whom Lord Astor has bred from Popingaol and the late Lord Durham from Trimestral. On the score of breeding, it is a reasonable certainty that Ribbon will prove as good at three years as she was at two. It is a characteristic of the Paraffin family to improve as they grow older. Very few of them have been mere sprinters or successful only as two-yearolds.

Straight Deal, Miss Paget's colt, who is rated fifth, is by Solario out of Good Deal. This mare I remember well seven or eight years ago when she was trained by Mr. Fred Winter at Epsom, and she was a good-class handicapper, winning several races. But the branch of the No. 1 family from which Good Deal is bred is not specially distinguished.



OLEIN (b.f. by Colombo—Grand Peace) whose sale for 17,000 guineas to Mr. Tom Ohlson created a Newmarket sensation last December. Olein won four races, but was unsuccessful in the classics.

Lord Ennisdale's colt by Fair Trial out of Fortunate Lady, rated sixth by Mr. Fawcett, comes of the 15 family. This family has produced no classic winner since Harvester dead-heated with St. Gatien in the Derby of 1884. In fact, I think the only horses of any distinction at all to come from this family in the last 50 years have been the Irish Derby winners, Embargo, 1926, and Baytown, 1928. The Grand National winner, 1926, Jack Horner, was also bred from this family.

The Queen Mary Stakes winner, Samovar, by Caerleon out of Carolino, was ranked seventh. On the dam's side this filly traces back to Red Rag, a mare by Lord Lyon out of Rouge Rose, the dam of Bend Or. This is a branch of the No. 1 family and Rouge Rose was a half-sister to Paradigm (the dame of Paraffin). But the Rouge Rose family has been very disappointing.

Eighth in the Free Handicap was placed the gelding Whichever, trained in Matthew Peacock's stable. Whichever, of course, is ineligible for the classic races; the main hope of his stable in the classics will be

> Red October, the colt by Solario from Myrobella.

Red October ran only once last year and was thus not placed in the Free Handicap. If he had been he would presumably have occupied a position not lower than that given to Whichever, and he may be considered here as among the leading candidates for

this season's classic races.

Here again it has to be said that Red October is bred from one of the most excellent maternal lines in the Stud Book. The racing record of his dam is well-known, and so is that of her best son so far, Big Game.

To sum up: in surveying this the pedigrees of the leading contenders for the classic races in 1943, one is bound to recognise how important it is to breed only from the best female lines of bloodstock if one wishes to breed horses of the first-class.

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Battles Miles Above the Earth

Recent Developments in High-Flying Fighter Aircraft

Described by B. Tunbridge.

It is little over twenty-five years since the first air battles were fought, but since that time speed, armour and tactics have all undergone revolutionary changes. Then there was not the same difference between fighter and bomber aircraft, and battles, usually well within sight of onlookers on the ground, occurred at short range.

To-day all this has changed. The heavy bomber, carrying its load of tremendous destructiveness, is built to fight its way through to the target. In long-range operations, such as recent attacks on Italy from this country, Britain's latest bombers push on through fighter opposition without the aid of screening Allied fighters to "mix it" with those of the enemy.

How are these swift air battles fought, when a heavy bomber meets attacks from fast-flying fighters far above the clouds?

During the Great War fighters relied for their winning tactics on their greater ability to manoeuvre in tight circles when engaged on attacking the bombers. The skill with which the pilot carried out this form of attack enabled him quickly to recover his position and come back at his foe, time after time. With greatly increased speed and the risk of pilot "black-out," the tight-circle manoeuvre is less possible. New tactics have been evolved, and the fighter now follows a more organised scheme than in the days when single-handed combat was the rule. Speeds of both fighter and bomber have presented our airmen with new problems.

In the years before the war one of the impressive sights of Hendon air pageants was the aerobatic performances of skilled pilots. These loops, spins, rolls and other often fantastic individual manoeuvres looked very impressive from the ground, but many people may have wondered what use there was in such apparent risk to life. Not all of the stunts that were practised in those days later had an influence on the tactics of the men who saved us during the Battle of Britain, but still some of the skill acquired for the amusement of thrill-hungry crowds was very useful in teaching the Luftwaffe that Britain's airmen were far from decadent.

For the lone fighter flying his craft in quest of enemy bombers the job of keeping his plane in the air must be automatic. His attention is mainly focused on searching the sky and keeping a careful watch for his foe or a fast-moving enemy fighter which may settle down on his tail and attack without warning. Because of the high speed of modern fighter craft pilots usually leave fairly wide distances between their planes. This provides greater scope for manoeuvre and lessens the dangers of anti-air-craft fire.

In the defence of Britain, it has not been usual for fighter squadrons to maintain sky patrols. This technique would be very wasteful in man-power, and there would always be the danger that when the attackers arrived the time coincided with that when the short-range defenders were grounded for refuelling. In place of the patrol, squadrons stand by on the airfields, ready at a moment's notice to take the air when danger threatens.

Once the fighters have gone into the air they are instructed as to course and height for interception from the ground by radio telephone. Once the attackers have been sighted, however, the fighter leader takes over command and his cryptic orders come through the radio telephone. Usually, the force splits up and carries out the methods of attack already planned.

A favourite form of attack carried out by a flight of three planes makes use of the dazzling rays of the sun. On seeing the enemy bomber the three planes get into position so that one is flying with the sun immediately behind him. The other two take up positions so that they can distract the bomber crew by flying into attack from below and behind. These two keep the bomber busy, but it is usually the first plane, coming in at an angle that temporarily leaves the bomber's gunner blinded, which makes the "kill."

Another method of attack by a flight of fighters, quite often used when in an encounter with fast bombers, provides plenty of scope for individual skill. The leader of the flight swoops down on his prey from above and behind. The second fighter also swoops from above, but he attacks across the bomber, flying a course from left to right, and almost skimming the top of the enemy fuse-The third, in the meantime, lage. comes up from below and keeps turning and worrying from back to front of the bomber as it makes the peak of its climb just under the belly of the harassed raider. All these manoeuvres last for a very short time. and attacks from above and below come alternately from different sides, involving the closest turns that can be made with safety to the pilots.

In fighter versus fighter combats, methods of attack are somewhat different. When numbers are engaged on each side, formations have to be broken up before the individual dogfights start. Thus a squadron of three flights will operate somewhat along these lines. The first flight will zoom down on to the enemy from

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Battles Miles Above the Earth

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behind, whilst another flight attacks from below. The third flight comes in from below on the other side, and it is usually not long before the formation becomes ragged, and individual fights which test the pilots' mantoman skill result. Another tactic had for its object the aim of picking off the leader to disorganise the attack.

An early problem of bomber defence was the fact that most of the heavy planes had "blind spots." This meant that there were certain angles from which attack could be made and against which the bomber had no guns to counter. For instance, directly behind the rudder of a singlerudder machine gave a line of fighter approach which the gunner could not protect without shooting off his own tail. Gun turrets and new positioning of modern armaments have limited this difficulty, and the success of the designers' efforts has been demonstrated by the way in recent months bombers have been able to take very good care of themselves in the air. A probable reason for British success in this matter is the fact that many of the Luftwaffe's planes have vulnerable blind spots, which give our superior pilot skill and fighter planes added opportunity to exploit their advantages.

Development of Britain's poweroperated, rotatable gun turrets has been one of the great advances in air combat during this war. When first employed, our machines fitted with them were often able to fly alongside the German machines and shoot them down without the bomber crew being able to do anything about it.

Although the sharp turn of slower planes used during the last war is no longer possible, there is still a strong fighting point in the design of machines. The ability of the Hurricane to make a tighter turn than the Messerschmitt enable the British plane to get on its opponent's tail with much greater ease, and is probably one of the reasons why the Luftwaffe had to change their tactics several times during the Battle of Britain.

Looking Round the Yearlings

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Mayfowl has caught the imagination of race-goers this year, and his sister by Beau Pere from Grey Port should have added value accordingly.

Modiste II., the dam of Royal Chief, and the promising Mac-Arthur has produced a bay colt to the new sire Golden Sovereign. This mare is one of the gems of the stud, with a great record. Incidentally the naming of this colt provides a wonderful opportunity.

Following the Modiste II. colt in the catalogue is another with a perfect background, a bay colt, also by Golden Sovereign from Herowinkie, dam of Hall Mark, Pure Gold, this year's likely two-year-old West Point and other winners. Herowinkie has stood the test of being able to produce the fastest gallopers, despite continual changes of consorts.

Reading, now in America, is recalled by a colt by Sylvandale from his dam, Gravure. Sylvandale has had limited opportunities, but a horse of his character should not be kept down.

Lady Canberra is still another prolific dam of winners, most notably Mohican, but The Beacon and Broadcaster have shown themselves to be above average. This year she has produced a racy bay filly to Brueghel.

Mr. R. R. Dangar should have high hopes for the colt by his old favourite, Peter Pan, from the imported mare Scottish Lass. This colt's dam is by Cameronian from Simnel. Scottish Lass is a half-sister to the 2,000 Guineas winner Lambert Simnel, one of the best colts of his season in England.

Interesting young horses abound throughout the 331 lots, and only close current relations have come under review.

A Phar Lap, a Gloaming or a High Caste might be paraded for sale next month unheralded and his praises unsung. This is the luck of the yearling lottery. There are no golden rules.

SYDNEY

It doesn't hurt in this gross age to absorb a little poetry into our systems. Recently I was asked to quote to an American serviceman enchanted by Sydney some of the lines written in other years by Will H. Ogilvie, the Scotsman who worked as a jackeroo on Australian stations, breathed deeply of the atmosphere, and produced much verse, including two books which I commend: "Fair Girls and Grey Horses" and "Hearts of Gold."

I have been able, after diligent search among my scraps, to retrieve the poem, "Sydney," by Ogilvie; and here it is:

The green bush mantles your shoulder.

The blue wave washes your feet;
There be greater cities and older,
But never a city so sweet.
By gardens sloped to the water,
By clean towers built for pride,
You were born for an Empire's
daughter,

And bred for an ocean's bride!

By every sun-browned maiden
That laughs on your low sea-beach,
By your tanned Apollos laden
With all that your long waves teach,
By each clasp on your diamond
splendour,

By each kiss in your leafy cove,
You were made for the passionate
tender

Embrace and avowal of love!

By the banks of your rippling river,
And the camping-grounds in the trees,
You were made for ever and ever
For love and laughter and ease.
For sunlit oars on the water,
For soft hands trailed in the foam,
For a moon on the heeling quarter,
When the white sea-wings come
home!

Not a ship that rocks in your fairway, Not a liner lashed to your quays, Not a war-gig chained to your stair-

But has brought from the outmost

Some heart that will soon grow tender

For your charms of beach and grove, And go forth at last from your splendour

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GOSFORD

OSFORD, situated on the northern shore of Brisbane Water, an arm of Broken Bay, is watered by the streams known as Nar-rara and Erina Creeks.

Henry Kendall, that great Australian poet, has immortalised the charming district of Gosford in some of his most beautiful verse. Towards the end of his life he went to live at Brisbane Water and in spite of his sufferings the poet revelled in the beauty that surrounded him. him.

It is seldom that Governor Phillip's name is coupled with those of other great Australian explorers, but it was he who in 1788 first discovered and explored Broken Bay and the

Hawkesbury River.

Twelve months later another expedition led by Governor Phillip visited the district. This time, to their delight, they found the fertile land—the river flats—of the Hawkesbury.

Phillip decided to name the river "Hawkesbury," in honour of Charles Jenkinson, first Earl of Liverpool, Baron Hawkesbury, and President of the Board of Trade.

The history of Gosford is inseparably connected with the most remantic resident of contracts.

The history of Gosford is inseparably connected with the most romantic period of our early history. Brisbane Water is the third oldest place of settlement in Australia, for the beginning of agricultural population on the river banks dates back to 1794.

In June 1795, settlers numbered 400, and the richness of the district was beginning even then to be realisted.

then to be realised.

There is some doubt as to who was the original settler in the Gosford area, but some maintain that the distinction goes to a man named Webb, after whom Webb's Reef at Blackwall is named.

Blackwall is named.

He was afterwards followed by Hutchings of Kincumber and Scott the sugar planter. Mr. Hely, the Superintendent of convicts, received large grants of land in the district where he formed a homestead—convicts built his house and cleared the land, as also they built Gosford Park for Mr. Manning.

Despite the isolation policy of Governor Darling, which barred the making of a direct road from Sydney to Gosford, gradually a township grew up at the head of Brisbane Water. East Gosford existed before the present town; it was surveyed in 1840.

As ship building was an important industry

As ship building was an important industry and all the agricultural produce and timber were carried down the Broadwater by sea to Sydney, the little township clustered round the wharves.

In 1841, East Gosford boasted two very re-In 1841, East Gostord boasted two very respectable hotels and three thriving stores, several small shops and schools, a bakery from which bread was sent to Sydney, a large smithy, a splendid two-storey brick house almost completed, and intended for an hotel. The Church and Chapel were about to be erected and a Court House was already commenced.

Gosford, which takes its name from Mr. Manning's estate of Gosford Park, was really named after Archibald Atcheson, a county gentleman of Armagh, a member of the Irish Parliament, who was made a Viscount and took the title of Earl of Gosford in 1785.

From a visitor in the year 1866, it is pos-From a visitor in the year 1866, it is possible to glean an interesting description of the Gosford of that time:—"Gosford, west and east is the name given to two small townships from which west Gosford is the postal place. They are situated on the magnificent and romantic inlet of the sea from Broken Bay called the Broadwater near Narrara Creek, down which coasting vessels pass laden with timber, which with oranges, apples, pears and other produce is the chief article of export from the district.

"With Sydney the communication is by steamer each alternate week, by sailing vessel and by the mail road via Peat's Ferry, over the Hawkesbury on horseback about 60 miles, and by a bad road. The population of West Gosford is 138 persons and that of East Gosford 145 persons."

Among the early settlers was Mr. T. A. Scott, who at Prospect, Port Macquarie in 1819, laid the foundations of the great sugar industry.

In 1829 he settled on a property about 2 miles from the present town of Gosford, and with 5 acres of cane, spent 35 years in experi-

Thus the great sugar industry in Australia was born, although this farm at Gosford was purely experimental and to-day no sugar is grown in the district. Mr. Scott's memory is perpetuated by his name, which has been given to the seaside resort of Tascott.

From the 1830's until the railway

From the 1830's until the railway brought quick transport, the slow and irregular service by sea rendered agriculture unprofitable to the people of Brisbane Water. Timber cutting and ship-building became the chief sources of revenue, but later scarcity of imber and shallow water killed the industry.

In the early days blacks were numerous in the district. They were chiefly members of the Broken Bay tribe who came to fish and search for shells; the last of them died towards the end of the last century.

By the year 1885, two steamers, one from Circular Quay and one from King Street Wharf, left daily for Gosford, or passengers could go via Manly, overland by coach to Newport, and then by steamer without going straight of the based of the steamer without going outside the heads.

The site for the Gosford School of Arts was dedicated on 4th June, 1886,

and the building opened at Easter three years later by Sir Henry Parkes.

Henry Parkes.

Then came a great step forward in the history of Gosford and the surrounding district. The railway reached out from Sydney to the Hawkesbury River, and on 1st May 1889, the famous Hawkesbury River Bridge was opened.

The Woy Woy tunnel is another fine example of scientific

other fine example of scientific construction. It is the longest tunnel in Australia, and was completed on 16th January, 1888

With the coming of the railway, the district progressed agriculturally and developed to the extent of later supplying over one-third of the citrus fruit production of New South Wales. Gosford is essentially a fruit

district; oranges, lemons, mandarines, apples, peaches, plums, passionfruit all flourish, whilst tomatoes, peas, beans and other market garden produce are also grown in abundance.

In addition there exists a flourishing timber industry, a growing dairy industry, and the Gosford of to-day houses in addition a citrus packing house, case factory, saw mills and a free-stone quarry.

This district is also a vast and beautiful playground for holiday makers on Brisbane Water and adjacent seaside resorts.

The proposed new traffic bridge over the Hawkesbury, eliminating the present punt at Peat's Ferry, will, on completion, add yet again to the progress and prosperity of this rich and fertile district.

The town, with its up-to-date and modern High School, Council Chambers, and Commercial buildings is a pleasant place, and of late years has taken on even under war conditions new life and spirit of progress.

Henry Kendall, in his beautiful lines, has immortalised the charm of this lovely district: "But the face of thy river—the torrented

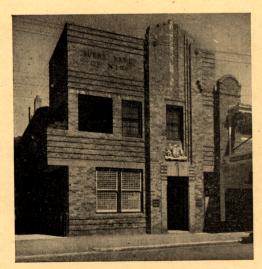
That fights at the rock while it fosters the flower-

Shall gleam in my dreams with the summer

look splendid,
And the beauty of woodlands and waterfalls blended;

And often I'll think of far-forested noises And the emphasis deep of grand sea-going voices.

And turn to Narrara the eyes of a lover, When the sorrowful days of my singing are



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